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House Membership

Representative Jim McReynolds



Biographical Information

Family Members

Wife of 41 years:

Judy Lewis McReynolds, Elementary School Teacher

Children:

Jackson McReynolds, 33, Ph.D.

Research Scientist USDA, wife: Jan

Jefferson McReynolds, 36

Lt. Firefighter Lufkin Fire Department, wife: Betty

Grandchildren:

Jonathan Wyatt McReynolds, 12

Taylor Reed McReynolds, 3

Abigayle Kate McReynolds, 1

Education

- Thomas Jefferson High School, Port Arthur
- Abilene Christian University (B.S. in English)
- Lamar University (M.A. in History)
- University of Houston & Rice University (Post graduate studies)
- Texas Tech University (Ph.D. in History)

Military

- United States Marine Corps, Reserve 1962-68
- Rank: Sergeant, Honorable discharge

Employment History

- Public School Teacher: Port Arthur ISD, 1965-67
- Research Assistant to Miss Ima Hogg, 1969-71
- History Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University 1972-80
- Owner of "Bookseller" store in Nacogdoches, 4 years
- Owner of Chapparel Energy Inc., 1981-present

Farmer

- Truck Farmer (Watermelons, Peas, Corn)
- Cattleman

Church & Civic Affiliations

- Sunday School Teacher, Deacon - Church of Christ
- Former Boy Scoutmaster, Troop 606, 13 years (Recipient of Faithful Servant Award)
- Former Membership Chairman, Naconiche District (3 counties); Boy Scouts of America
- Former Board Member, Samaritan Counseling Center of East Texas, Inc.
- Founder & Member, Project Belize, (a non-profit organization supplying doctors and support staff to Central America to promote improvement of primary health care)
- Co-Founder and former board Member of East Texas Community Health Service, Inc. (Indigent health care provider)
- Former Board Member, Big Brothers - Big Sisters

- Board Member, Boys & Girls Club
- Member, The Philosophical Society of Texas

Public Service

- Member, Texas House of Representatives, 1997-present

75th Session

- Committees: Human Services
Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
- Appointed to Longterm Care Oversight Committee (4 year term)
- Appointed to Welfare to Work Committee

76th Session

- Committees:
House Appropriations
Vice Chair, Agriculture & Livestock
- Appointed House Select Committee on Rural Development
- Appointed to Joint Committee on Agricultural Policy
- Continued on Long Term Care Oversight Committee

77th Session

- Committees:
House Appropriations
Vice Chair, Agriculture & Livestock
- Vice-Chair Rural Caucus
- Appointed to Long Term Care Oversight Committee
- Appointed to Joint Committee on Higher Education Excellence Funding
- Appointed to Agricultural Policy Board

78th Session

- Committees:
Local Government Ways & Means
Public Health
- Vice-Chair Rural Caucus

79th Session

- Committees:
Public Health
Corrections
- Vice-Chair Rural Caucus
- Board member House Research Organization
- Appointed to the National Conference of State Legislators Agriculture and Rural Development standing committee

80th Session

- Committees:
House Appropriations, member of the standing subcommittee on Criminal Justice Appointed to interim subcommittee on state spending limits
House Corrections, Chief Budget Officer Appointed chair of the interim subcommittee on Appropriations
- Vice-Chair Rural Caucus
- Board member House Research Organization
- Appointed to the National Conference of State Legislators Agriculture and Rural Development standing committee

Honors & Awards

- "BETTY HARDWICK BEST OF TEXAS AWARD" - Texas Council of Community Mental Health And Mental Retardation Centers - 2005
- "Nine Who Make a Difference in East Texas" - KTRE-TV
- "Top Ten Legislators" - Texas Bar Association - 1997
- "Legislative Star" -Texas Classroom Teachers Association - 1997, 2001, 2003, 2005
- "Freshman of the Year" - Chartwell Industries - 1997
- Nominated to Southern Legislative Conference Committee on Fiscal Affairs and Governmental Operations - 1998
- "Legislator of the Year" - Texas Association of College Teachers - 1999, 2001
- "Senior Friendly" - Texas Silver Haired Legislators - 1999
- "Communicator of the Year" - Texas Forestry Association - 1999
- "Silver Ax Award" - Council of Texas Forest Products Manufacturers - 1999
- "Man & Youth" Award - Boys & Girls Club - 2000
- "Silver Bucket" Award - Deep East Texas Development Association - 2000
- "Recognized" - Texas Agricultural Council - 2000
- "Appreciated" - Texas Poultry Federation - 2000, 2003, 2005

- "Award of Leadership and Excellence for Texas" - Texas Forest Service - 2001
- "Recognized" - Retired Teachers Association - 1999, 2001
- Achievement Recognition - Texas Special Olympics - 2002
- "Leadership Award" - State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas - 2002
- "Legislator of the Year" Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas - 2003
- "Recognized" - East Texas Area Health Education Center - 2005
- "Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute" - Texas Hospital Association, 2005
- "Beast of Texas House" - Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, 2005
- "Heart Award" - American Heart Association, 2006
- "Smart on Crime Spending Award" - Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, 2007
- "Recognized" - East Texas Electrical Comparatives, 2007
- "Outstanding Leadership" - Poultry Federation, 2007
- "Recognized" -State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas, 2007
- "Heart Award" - American Heart Association, 2007

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